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SUBJECT: CHILEAN NATIONAL LUIS ALBERTO GUENDELMAN WISNIAK

REF: SANTIAGO 5085 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. EMBASSY JULY 24 RECEIVED FORMAL, NUMBERED NOTE DATED JULY 18 FROM FONMINISTRY REFERRING TO EMBASSY INFORMAL INQUIRY LAST APRIL ON GUENDELMAN, STATING THAT CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAD NOT RECORDED HIS DETENTION, AND REPEATING AFFIRMATION THAT HE IS DEAD IN ARGENTINA. NOTE REMINDED US THATMINISTRY HAS MADE REPEATED AND FRUITLESS EFFORTS FOR THIS AND OTHER MISSIONS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF CHILEANS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY DISAPPEARED SINCE SEPT. 11, 1973 COUP. WE ARE ASKED TO TAKE PARTICULAR NOTE OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN CASE OF GUENDELMAN, WHO IT IS ASSERTED WAS ABROAD CONTINUING HIS CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES.
- 2. MINISTRY REGRETS THAT DESPITE STRICT CONTROLS OVER BORDER ENTRIES AND EXITS, GUENDELMAN HAD SURREPTITIOUSLY GONE ABROAD. WE ARE ASKED TO EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN US.
- 3. THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL NOTE ON CASE PRESENTED THROUGH OUR INFORMAL CHANNEL TO FONMINISTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INQUIRING RE CHILEAN NATIONALS. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM

GOOD SOURCE THAT BLUNTNESS OF THE NOTE WAS INTENDED.

4. NOTE WAS DATED DAY AFTER FONMIN OFFICIALS GAVE US VERBAL REPORT ON GUENDELMAN (SANTIAGO 4990), AND BEFORE WE AND POSSIBLY MINISTRY HAD NEWS OF CLAIM OF GUENDELMAN FAMILY THAT BODY FOUND IN ARGENTINA IS NOT HIS.

5. COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED ARA/BC. POPPER

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